

Dear Year 11 parents,

I write to provide you with a little more detail on what is expected of our Year 11 students as they complete their learning from home. Most importantly, our teachers will continue to help and support your child to ensure that they are well placed to get the qualifications they deserve. You should soon here from your childs' college about the work they are doing to support the transition between secondary and the further education provision. This letter also includes a letter to your child from the Ofqual, the Government's examinations regulator. It is important that they read this letter and understand that they are welcome to contact us to address any concerns that this letter raises. Hopefully, they will find the letter informative and reassuring.

Today it was confirmed that examination boards will ask teachers to submit their judgement based on a range of evidence including classwork, homework, practicals and mock exams - on the grade that they believe students would have attained if the examinations had gone ahead. Ofqual are very clear that the academy's grade for a student cannot at this stage be shared with either the student or their parent.

The academy's judgement will then be moderated by the examination boards, based on a range of evidence, and a final "calculated grade" released no later than the original GCSE Results Day of 20th August 2020

The Government have said that if students do not feel their calculated grade reflects their true performance, they will have the opportunity to appeal or to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. Students will also have the option to "re-sit" their examinations in summer 2021.

We have been re-assured by Government that this year's awards will have equal value to those awarded in previous years.

The current guidelines from the Government can be read in full here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020

Yours faithfully

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